



In remembrance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, his legacy on moral leadership, commitment to nonviolence, and unwavering pursuit of racial, social, and economic justice continue to guide movements for liberation across communities. More importantly, Dr. King's work reminds us that the fight against racism has always been a shared, multiracial endeavor. Asian Americans have long stood alongside Black, Indigenous, Latinx, and other marginalized communities in the pursuit of justice. Civil rights leaders such as Yuri Kochiyama, who worked closely with Malcolm X and advocated for Black liberation and political prisoners; Grace Lee Boggs, whose decades-long activism bridged Black and Asian American movements for racial and economic justice; and Dalip Singh Saund, the first Asian American elected to the U.S. Congress and a lifelong advocate for immigrant and civil rights, exemplify the deep roots of cross-racial solidarity in our communities.

Now more than ever, Dr. King's call for justice demands our urgent attention and action. The current administration's policies and rhetoric are threatening core pillars of civil rights, including due process, bodily autonomy, and freedom from state violence. Escalating immigration enforcement, expanded surveillance, and continued patterns of police brutality disproportionately harm Black, Brown, immigrant, and undocumented communities, deepening fear, trauma, and mistrust. These conditions are not only political concerns at home but are also public health and psychological crises that undermine well-being and collective safety.

As psychologists, scholars, clinicians, and advocates, Dr. King's legacy extends beyond policy and protest; it speaks directly to the psychological consequences of racism, state violence, and systemic oppression, as well as the healing power of resistance, solidarity, and collective care. Our commitment to advancing equity, inclusion, and justice within the field of psychology and beyond is grounded in these same principles. May we continue to join hands, voices, and hearts in solidarity, defending civil rights, advancing justice, and working relentlessly toward a more equitable and humane society for all.